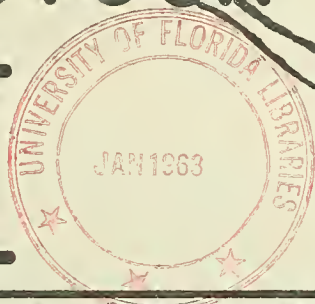


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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter cattle prices were lower for the fifth consecutive week even though receipts were curtailed during the pre-Christmas week. Slaughter steers and heifers were 25¢ to \$1.00 lower, most centers 50-75¢ off. The average price of Choice steers at Chicago during the pre-Christmas week was \$28.57, compared with \$29.89 for the last week of November. The average weight of slaughter steers at the seven markets was 1114# compared with 1119# a year ago. The trade on feeder cattle followed the usual pre-holiday pattern for this class with demand narrow and prices weak to 50¢ lower. Hog supplies at 12 markets and in the Interior were slightly smaller than either a week ago or a year ago, and prices advanced 25 to 75¢. Slaughter lamb supplies at 12 markets were the smallest for a five-day period since August and prices were steady to 50¢ lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - The recent downturn in cattle prices continued in full swing during the pre-Christmas holiday week, dropping the price level on steers and heifers to the lowest point since mid-August. Despite the fifth consecutive week of lower live prices the average price on all slaughter steers at the seven markets was \$27.28, \$2.51 above a year ago. Slaughter steers and heifers closed 25¢-\$1.00 lower, a large share 50¢-75¢ off. Cows sold steady to \$1.00 lower and bulls steady to 50¢ lower. Vealers ruled steady to \$1.00 lower. Contributing to the normal bearish influence of lower wholesale dressed beef prices was the holiday-shortened kill. Even though the 12-market receipts of 208,000 head fell 10 percent short of the previous week, the run included a slightly smaller percentage of feeders. Bulk of the supply at most points Good to average-Choice slaughter steers and heifers with Prime making up 8 percent of the steer run at Chicago.

Slaughter steers: In Chicago, loadlots mostly Prime 1175-1375# brought \$30.00-31.25 with four loads on Monday \$31.50. Over the area loadlots mixed high-Choice and Prime 1100-1400# cashed at \$29.25-30.00 with bulk Choice \$27.00-29.00; Good \$24.50-27.00.

Slaughter heifers: Loadlots high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 975-1150# cashed at \$28.50-29.00; bulk Choice \$26.00-28.00; Good \$22.75-26.50.

Cows: Utility and Commercial closed at \$12.50-15.50; Canner and Cutter \$10.00-13.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Demand for feeder cattle and calves was somewhat abridged and, even though supplies at terminal markets were seasonally moderate, trading was slow at unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower prices. Prepa-

rations for the upcoming year-end holidays kept some buyers away from market centers and some others apparently had elected to wait until the expiration of the current tax year before making additional purchases. Added to these usual seasonal restraints on demand was the bearish effect of material downturns in slaughter cattle prices during the past several weeks. However, slaughter cattle still were substantially higher than at the close of last year and, while the recent downturns prompted feeder buyers to proceed rather cautiously, there still was considerable inquiry for fleshy cattle suitable for a short turn in the feedlot. With lessened competition from slaughter cattle buyers, feeder purchases included moderate numbers of partly-fattened 900-1050# two-way steers for additional feeding.

Feeder steers: Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# \$23.50-26.50; few loads Choice 775-850# \$27.00-27.50. Scattered shipments Choice, fleshy 925-975# \$26.00-26.50; at Sioux City few Choice 1014-1056# \$25.50-26.50. However, steers over 900# above \$26.00 were in a decided minority and only a few over 1000# exceeded \$25.50. Good and Choice 550-750# \$24.50-29.00, scattered shipments Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 550-600# \$29.25-32.75. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# \$19.50-25.00.

Feeder heifers: Bulk Good and Choice 525-750# \$22.00-27.00; three loads Choice 632-638# \$27.30-27.50 and two loads Choice 512-517# \$28.75.

Feeder calves: Choice 350-550# steers largely \$28.50-34.00; three loads Choice 300# \$38.00 and sizable string Choice and Fancy 545# \$33.00. Few loads Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy 300-450# heifers \$31.00-33.00; other Good and Choice 300-500# heifers \$23.00-30.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Higher dressed pork prices more than offset the influence of a moderate increase in receipts and price advances were general. Receipts at 359,000 were 2 percent above the previous week and 7 percent over the same week a year ago. When compared to the previous week's close, prices for barrows and gilts were 25-50¢ higher, extremes 75¢ higher at several markets. Sows were steady to 50¢ higher. Supplies of barrows and gilts weighing over 250# continued liberal but price spreads between 210-240# hogs and these heavier butchers did not widen further. Increased buyer interest for these weights even narrowed the spread at some terminals. The percentage of sows was near normal, ranging from 8 percent at St. Joseph and Kansas City to 13 percent at St. Paul.

Barrows and gilts: At the close, U. S. 1-2, 190-240# \$16.75-17.75 with \$18.25 paid at

Indianapolis. Mixed U. S. 1-3, 180-240# \$16.00-17.25, 240-270# \$15.25-16.50.

Sows: At the close, U. S. 1-3, 270-330# \$14.25-14.75, 330-400# \$13.75-14.50. U. S. 2-3, 400-550# \$12.75-14.00.

Feeder pigs were steady at both St. Paul and Sioux City. Choice 120-160# brought \$15.50-16.00 at St. Paul and Good and Choice 130-160# ranged \$14.50-16.00 at Sioux City.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 405,000 head, compared with 330,000 last week and 338,000 a year ago. U. S. 1-3 200-250# butchers comprised bulk of receipts with liberal showing above 220#; sows made up about 10 percent of run. Demand improved over previous week and barrows and gilts closed 25-50¢ higher, sows were steady to 35¢ higher.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3 200-230# \$15.60-16.40, mostly \$15.75-16.25, with No. 1-2 \$16.25-16.65.

Sows: U. S. 1-3 270-400# \$12.75-14.25, limited No. 1-2 270-300# \$14.25-14.75; No. 2-3 400-550# \$11.25-13.50.

Interior Illinois - Receipts totaled 114,800 compared with 112,500 the week previous and 98,600 the corresponding week last year. Supply mostly 200-240# barrows and gilts and about 5 percent sows. Late advances more than offset mid-week declines and barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ higher for the week, sows mostly steady.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3 190-230# \$16.25-16.75, No. 1-2 190-230# \$16.85-17.35.

Sows: No. 1-3 300-400# \$12.75-13.75, No. 2-3 400-500# \$11.75-12.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 77,000 head, compared with 101,000 for the previous week and 93,000 for the corresponding period last year. Slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ higher, however a few markets were steady to weak on lambs grading Good to low-Choice. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs sold mostly steady to 50¢ higher except at Denver where prices were weak.

Wooled slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-114# sold from \$18.00-20.50, mostly \$19.00-20.25, Choice and mixed Good and Choice 70-115# brought \$16.00-19.50, a few lots Choice at Denver and Sioux City \$19.90-20.00.

Shorn slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-111# with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts \$18.50-19.75. Choice and mixed Good and Choice 74-116# \$16.50-19.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled and shorn with mostly fall shorn pelts \$4.00-8.25, limited volume Utility and Good woolled \$8.50-9.00 at Denver and Fort Worth.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy natives and westerns 60-90# \$17.00-19.50. Mixed Good and Choice 40-90# \$13.50-18.50.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 18,000 head, compared with 15,600

the previous week and 21,000 the same period last year. Even though the dressed lamb trade was lower and marketings expanded, demand improved at mid-week and slaughter lambs closed steady to 50¢ higher. Slaughter ewes were scarce and also sold steady to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter lambs: On Friday, Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 85-110# woolled and No. 1 to fall shorn pelt lambs at plants \$17.50-18.50, mostly \$18.00-18.50; Good and Choice sold from \$16.00-18.00. During the week, consignments Choice and Prime woolled lambs with stipulated weighing conditions brought \$19.00-19.25, the latter price paid late.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good woolled and shorn \$3.00-6.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active and steady with delivery current through February, a few into March. Supply feeder cattle limited, steady to strong. Slaughter lambs very slow and about steady. Unless stated, all sales for delivery within 10 days.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, 8,500 mostly Choice 900-1200# \$27.00-28.00 current through February. About 6,500 Good/mostly Choice 950-1125# \$26.35-27.00; 5,100 mostly Good 925-1150# \$24.90-26.50; 1,200 Standard and Good 900-975# \$24.00-25.00, all current through March delivery.

Slaughter heifers: 2,300 mostly Choice 800-1000# \$25.75-27.00 current through February 15; 300 Good and Choice 800-900# \$25.50-25.75 current through January 25; 170 mostly Good 820-900# \$24.00-25.25. California, 700 mostly Good 475# calves \$26.00. Unless otherwise stated, all slaughter steers and heifers net weight f.o.b. feedlot after 4 or 5% shrink.

Feeders: 100 Choice 550-600# \$27.00-27.50 some delivered; 250 mostly Choice 600-650# \$25.50 off pasture with 4% shrink and including 165 head with 10% sort at \$23.50; 1,000 Choice 700# \$25.80; 220 Medium and Good 600-800# \$23.00-24.25 with 4% shrink current through January delivery; 125 Good and Choice 397# steers \$31.00 with 2% shrink. 600 Choice 375-450# calves, steers \$28.50-29.00, heifers \$26.00-27.00; 130 mostly Choice 450-650# steers \$26.00-27.00, heifers \$24.00-25.00. Unless otherwise stated, all feeder cattle net weight after none to 3% shrink depending on distance to weighing point.

Slaughter lambs: California, 120 Choice 100# with No. 1-2 pelts \$20.25; 650 mostly Choice 90-105# with No. 1 pelts \$19.50-20.50. Utah: 400 Choice, few prime 105-110# woolled \$20.00; 800 Choice 105-112# woolled \$19.75. Unless otherwise stated, all lambs overnight stand or 4% shrink.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter

cattle direct at the feedlots was slow. Slaughter steers sold 50-75¢ lower, slaughter heifers steady to 25¢ lower and limited volume feeder cattle mostly steady. Slaughter lambs sold steady to mostly 25¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 3,325 mostly Choice 1050-1300# \$28.25-29.00; 200 high-Good and Choice 1225-1300# \$27.75-28.00; 200 Standard to mostly Good 1050-1100# \$25.00. All steers with 4% shrink and delivered to packing plants.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 300 average and high-Choice 975-1040# \$28.50, some weighed at Denver Stockyards; 1,000 mostly Choice 900-1000# \$27.75-28.35; 350 high-Good and Choice 925-975# \$27.25-27.60. Nebraska, 500 high-Good to mostly Choice 900-975# \$27.60-28.15. Most heifers with a 4% shrink and delivered to packing plants.

Feeders: Kansas, around 450 mostly Choice mixed yearlings for March-April delivery and 250 mostly Choice 650-775# heifers \$25.00. Colorado, 500 mixed Choice calves, steers 400-425# \$31.00-33.00, heifers 375-385# \$28.30. All sales with a none to 3% shrink, depending on distance to weighing points.

Slaughter lambs: Sales confirmed on around 15,450 head. Colorado, Choice and Prime 95-115# wooled slaughter lambs \$19.75-20.25, Choice 100-105# \$19.50. Choice 98-112# shorn lambs, No. 1 and 2 pelts, \$18.50-19.00, few with No. 3 pelts \$18.00. Most lambs sold with a 3-4% shrink and delivered packing plants.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, steady to 50¢ lower. Feeders moderately active and steady to weak. Slaughter lambs active, strong to 50¢ higher, ewes moderately active, steady to strong. Feeder lambs fairly active steady to 50¢ higher. Unless otherwise specified slaughter steers and heifers 4% shrink f.o.b. feedlots; feeders delivered. Contracted cattle 3% shrink f.o.b. ranch; slaughter and feeder lambs 3% shrink f.o.b. ranch and feedlots.

Slaughter steers: 225 mostly Choice 1200-1250# \$28.00; 625 Good and Choice 980-1075# \$27.00; 950 mostly Good 925-1050# \$25.00-26.25.

Slaughter heifers: 170 Choice 1050-1100# \$27.50; 460 mostly Good 800-950# \$25.50-26.00; 950 Standard and Good 600-680# \$23.25-24.00.

Feeders: 375 Good and Choice 575-650# steers \$24.50-25.00; 225 Good 535-560# \$23.50-23.75. 100 Choice 420# steers \$30.00; 1,675 Good 365-440# heifers \$23.75-24.50.

Sheep: 10,850 Good and Choice 88-103# slaughter lambs with No. 1-2 pelts \$17.50-18.00; 3,800 mostly Choice wooled feeder lambs \$16.50-17.50; 3,100 mostly Choice 75-90# fleshy feeders No. 1 pelts \$16.00-16.50; 1,500 Choice 80-85# fleshy feeders, No. 3 pelts \$15.50.

Amarillo area: All classes steady. Slaughter cattle 4% shrink at feedlot, usual shrink feeders 3% f.o.b. ranch.

Slaughter cattle: 190 largely Good, Choice

end, 1100# steers \$27.25. 55 mostly Choice 1050-1100# heifers \$26.90; 90 Good, 900-925# \$26.00-26.25; 100 Good 715-740# \$25.00-25.25.

Feeders: Steers, 310 Choice and Fancy 640-650# \$27.00; 140 Good and Choice 625-650# \$25.80-26.00 delivered to feedlot. March delivery: 150 Choice and Fancy 475-525# \$30.00; 150 Choice 600# \$27.00. January-March: 150 mostly Choice 650-675# \$26.50; 110 Good and Choice 625# \$25.00. March-April delivery: 4,600 mixed Good and Choice 550-625# \$24.60-25.00. April-June delivery: 11,500 Good and Choice 525-675# \$25.00. Heifers, January-February: 370 mainly Choice 550-650# \$25.00-25.25. March delivery: About 3,000 Good to mostly Choice 600-650# \$24.50. April-June delivery: 12,000 Good and Choice 575-650# generally \$24.00.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON - All classes cattle and lambs steady except some sales slaughter lambs in Washington 75¢ lower. Slaughter cattle f.o.b. 4 percent shrink and current delivery unless stated.

Slaughter steers: Washington, 325 mostly Choice 1050-1100# \$27.00-28.00, mostly \$27.00-27.50; 730 Good to mostly Choice 1100# \$27.25-27.75 January-March delivery; 600 head expected mostly Choice 1100-1200# May-June delivery \$26.50. Oregon, 115 Good to mostly Choice 1060-1100# \$27.75-28.00; 80 Good and Choice 1037# \$27.25 delivered.

Slaughter heifers: Oregon, 350 mostly Choice 850-900# \$25.50, January-February delivery. 40 Choice 900# \$25.00. Washington, 65 Good to mostly Choice 900-1000# \$26.00 delivered.

Feeders: Washington, 300 Choice 700-750# steers \$26.00-f.o.b. 4% shrink June 1 delivery with 50 head heavy end \$25.00. 280 Good and Choice 480-525# calves with steers \$27.50-28.00 and heifers \$25.00-25.50.

Slaughter lambs: Oregon, 1,100 Choice, few Prime 95-100# wooled and fall shorn \$19.00-19.25 delivered. Washington, 370 pool Choice and Prime wooled 105# \$18.50, fall shorn 100# \$17.50 and Good 95# wooled \$16.50.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Direct trade extremely slow. Limited cattle sales fully steady. Unless otherwise stated, all sales for immediate delivery, f.o.b. ranch or nearby weighing point, 4 percent shrink on slaughter cattle, 3 percent on feeders.

Slaughter cattle: Montana, 40 Choice 950# heifers \$27.00 with 3 percent shrink; 200 Choice steers and heifers for January-February, 1050# steers \$27.00, 900# heifers \$26.50.

Feeder calves: Montana, 500 Choice and Fancy 400-450# for up to mid-January, steers \$30.00-32.00, heifers \$29.00.

Stock cows: Montana, 200 Good and Choice bred cows \$200.00-225.00 per head. Northern Wyoming, 50 Medium and Good cows \$150.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Chicago	32,017	37,369	186	116	39,750	36,253	3,844	8,447
Denver	6,723	6,947	402	688	6,899	5,948	8,572	10,844
Fort Worth	3,880	4,648	1,398	826	1,596	1,485	5,465	9,137
Indianapolis ..	7,099	6,506	305	283	31,231	26,023	2,868	2,175
Kansas City ...	17,740	19,275	1,053	892	18,105	15,935	4,087	3,969
Oklahoma City .	7,092	8,387	1,698	1,552	3,401	3,765	967	1,590
Omaha	39,524	38,070	711	769	57,856	53,944	6,936	11,092
St. Joseph	17,079	13,817	339	390	30,184	24,585	4,928	6,441
St. Louis NSY .	12,919	13,159	1,715	1,573	51,465	48,657	5,440	4,002
Sioux City	29,541	30,716	4,075	2,615	48,063	44,813	10,570	6,293
Sioux Falls ...	11,115	9,913	661	458	20,076	20,041	11,082	13,252
So. St. Paul ..	22,793	19,292	8,413	8,752	50,442	52,637	12,649	16,072
Total	207,522	208,099	20,956	18,914	359,068	334,086	77,408	93,314
"Dec. 15, 1962	231,630		23,515		351,004		100,585	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - Dec. 22, 1962 Dec. 15, 1962 Dec. 23, 1961

Hogs 405,000 330,000 338,000
 Sheep 18,000 15,600 21,000

INTERIOR ILLINOIS - Hogs 114,800 112,500 98,600

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Five months	
	Dec. 20	Dec. 13	Dec. 21	Nov.	Nov.	July-Nov.
	1962	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962 1961
Steers - 1001# up	727	622	1,213	1,261	2,147	6,426 8,661
901-1000	1,981	1,815	2,407	5,306	8,044	32,589 39,218
801-900	4,198	3,929	3,587	13,022	18,085	76,022 89,087
701-800	4,038	4,691	3,608	21,440	24,899	135,088 139,428
501-700	6,407	6,863	6,714	44,689	44,482	258,535 263,626
Total steers 10 markets....	17,351	17,920	17,529	85,718	97,657	508,660 540,020
Av. wt. " " "	756#	745#	764#	725#	720#	710# 712#
Av. cost* " " "	\$25.00	\$25.38	\$23.15	\$24.90	\$23.39	\$24.96 \$22.98
" " " Chicago	24.67	24.98	23.36	25.02	23.39	25.15 22.88
" " " Kansas City...	25.01	25.03	22.92	25.79	23.03	24.80 22.80
" " " Omaha	25.89	26.16	22.97	26.97	24.51	26.30 24.13
" " " S. St. Paul...	23.10	23.53	22.05	22.01	20.69	22.88 20.91
" " " Sioux City....	26.10	26.39	24.64	27.68	24.49	26.46 23.86
" " " Denver	26.27	26.66	23.36	26.78	24.24	25.79 23.74
" " " Ft. Worth	24.60	24.56	22.78	24.42	21.99	23.99 21.98
" " " Oklahoma City.	25.70	25.51	22.99	24.93	23.03	23.92 22.00
" " " S. St. Joseph.	24.00	24.44	23.20	24.88	22.65	24.11 22.46
" " " St. Louis NSY.	23.64	24.41	22.21	24.17	22.15	23.49 21.84
Total calves - 10 markets..	16,617	21,924	12,791	159,798	141,269	496,764 433,783
" heifers " "	3,654	3,177	2,602	19,180	16,489	111,814 98,774
" cows " "	1,839	2,040	1,621	11,687	12,741	27,979 31,369

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Dec. 21, 1962	2	43	13	7	15	24	10	10	15	60	74	51	65
Dec. 14, 1962	2	45	14	9	12	27	10	10	20	70	78	55	65
Dec. 22, 1961	2	45	12	11	14	28	10	10	25	65	70	41	40
Slaughter cows													
Dec. 21, 1962	5	12	9	10	18	6	20	25	25	33	9	14	20
Dec. 14, 1962	5	12	9	8	17	6	20	20	25	15	10	13	20
Dec. 22, 1961	4	11	9	7	12	5	20	13	25	15	11	18	25

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Dec. 20 1962	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 20 1962	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 20 1962	Dec. 21 1961	Dec. 20 1962	Dec. 21 1961
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,039	3,045	7.9	11.7	1,236	1,249	30.39	27.31
Choice.....	17,745	15,534	68.7	59.9	1,143	1,156	28.57	26.05
Good.....	5,289	6,360	20.5	24.5	1,108	1,088	26.66	24.48
Standard.....	596	685	2.3	2.7	1,005	1,001	23.43	22.55
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	174	311	.6	1.2	1,031	1,016	21.44	20.47
All grades.....	25,843	25,935			1,140	1,144	28.20	25.70
OMAHA								
Prime.....	172	235	1.0	1.4	1,203	1,182	28.77	26.26
Choice.....	8,104	7,629	46.7	46.0	1,126	1,149	27.58	25.15
Good.....	8,252	7,715	47.6	46.5	1,099	1,094	25.97	23.78
Standard.....	517	671	3.0	4.0	1,123	1,083	22.87	21.52
Utility.....	293	341	1.7	2.1	1,054	1,079	21.57	19.93
All grades.....	17,338	16,591			1,113	1,120	26.60	24.30
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	184	613	1.5	4.3	1,128	1,232	25.82	26.17
Choice.....	8,347	8,849	61.0	61.4	1,148	1,149	27.95	25.06
Good.....	4,637	4,200	33.9	29.1	1,080	1,097	26.58	23.92
Standard.....	421	617	3.1	4.3	1,093	1,065	23.45	21.83
Utility.....	92	126	.7	.9	1,063	993	22.04	19.87
All grades.....	13,681	14,405			1,122	1,132	27.36	24.62
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	13	107	.2	1.9	1,158	1,114	29.50	26.70
Choice.....	1,908	1,106	34.6	19.4	1,107	1,114	28.08	25.56
Good.....	3,252	3,707	58.9	65.1	1,053	1,075	26.26	23.67
Standard.....	302	575	5.5	10.1	1,107	1,071	22.70	21.49
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	46	202	.8	3.5	1,067	1,090	21.34	19.32
All grades.....	5,521	5,697			1,075	1,084	26.67	23.73
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	2	--	--	--	1,210	--	27.50
Choice.....	821	897	18.2	17.6	1,075	1,077	28.29	25.86
Good.....	3,007	2,467	66.8	48.4	1,012	1,013	26.22	24.20
Standard.....	618	1,503	13.7	29.5	1,000	970	23.07	22.48
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	58	226	1.3	4.5	950	962	20.54	19.61
All grades.....	4,504	5,095			1,021	1,009	26.13	23.83
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	22	25	.2	.4	1,202	1,098	30.00	27.10
Choice.....	3,564	2,313	40.5	35.2	1,129	1,134	27.82	24.95
Good.....	4,524	3,838	51.4	58.5	1,069	1,070	25.92	23.53
Standard.....	695	387	7.9	5.9	1,075	1,130	22.66	21.06
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,803	6,563			1,094	1,096	26.47	23.91
DENVER								
Prime.....	135	17	8.4	1.2	1,158	1,111	29.63	26.40
Choice.....	1,019	779	63.1	53.2	1,152	1,144	28.74	25.81
Good.....	436	629	27.0	43.0	1,068	1,137	27.27	24.96
Standard.....	25	38	1.5	2.6	1,125	978	23.75	21.68
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	1,615	1,463			1,129	1,136	28.36	25.36

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Boston, New York City Area	12,793	12,685	10,155	9,020	45,455	54,232	33,320	32,928
Baltimore, Philadelphia	9,332	8,966	1,495	1,545	32,493	30,719	3,552	3,939
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	20,628	17,484	4,449	1,269	158,373	110,843	10,944	4,820
Chicago Area	14,347	14,397	6,669	9,314	66,294	42,784	13,674	7,152
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	26,983	28,226	23,196	27,346	119,951	118,469	13,015	18,024
St. Louis Area	10,831	10,535	1,913	1,886	75,213	76,494	4,696	4,390
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	33,133	31,093	--	--	121,134	115,157	11,895	11,882
Omaha Area	37,929	39,744	172	165	93,926	88,157	13,719	15,017
Kansas City	14,786	13,783	--	--	38,846	37,486	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	34,059	35,636	11,208	11,963	331,185	321,091	33,698	39,482
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	5,751	6,350	2,752	2,750	56,505	49,602	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	8,595	8,700	3,800	2,992	35,159	29,238	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	19,010	18,834	547	1,180	49,368	51,979	8,078	8,314
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	8,071	8,439	2,378	2,843	18,632	18,395	26,289	18,308
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	21,551	22,073	104	160	18,367	15,131	36,623	24,004
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	25,250	22,366	1,631	1,779	30,063	36,554	24,039	20,175
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,013	7,066	169	302	16,242	17,802	3,659	2,841
Total	310,062		70,638		1,307,206		237,201	
		306,377		74,514		1,214,133		211,276
Accumulation to date	16,174,620		3,085,790		57,396,344		13,305,143	
		16,082,593		3,251,475		55,886,546		13,690,450

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Dec. 22, 1962	385	227.2	110	11.7	1,500	218.7	255	12.0	469.6	--
Dec. 15, 1962	410	241.9	95	10.1	1,455	212.1	250	11.8	475.9	--
Dec. 1, 1962 1/.....	386	--	112	--	1,533	--	298	--	--	50.6
Dec. 23, 1961 1/.....	366	218.5	108	11.1	1,376	197.2	217	10.3	437.1	42.4

Percentage change from:

Dec. 15, 1962	-6	-6	16	16	3	3	2	2	-1	--
Dec. 23, 1961	5	4	2	5	9	11	18	17	7	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	
Dec. 22, 1962	1035	590	190	106	245	146	99	47	--
Dec. 15, 1962	1035	590	190	106	245	146	99	47	--
Dec. 1, 1962	1030	587	195	109	249	148	99	47	--
Dec. 23, 1961	1045	597	185	103	244	143	99	47	12.6

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
Classification		Dec. 22 1962	Dec. 23 1961	Dec. 22 1962	Dec. 23 1961	Dec. 22 1962	Dec. 23 1961	Dec. 22 1962	Dec. 23 1961	Dec. 22 1962	Dec. 23 1961
<hr/>											
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	29.22	26.88	--	--	28.95	26.50	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	30.35	27.40	--	--	29.25	26.52	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	28.22	26.00	28.40	25.68	27.68	25.38	28.30	25.79	27.92	25.88
	1100-1300	28.68	26.00	28.75	25.38	27.88	25.28	28.30	25.78	27.50	25.62
Good	900-1100	25.95	24.08	25.58	23.75	25.38	23.65	25.75	24.02	26.25	24.50
Standard		23.22	22.05	22.72	21.00	23.38	21.75	--	21.62	23.00	21.75
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	27.80	24.90	26.95	24.75	27.20	24.82	27.52	25.28	26.50	23.75
Good	600-800	--	--	24.42	23.25	24.58	22.88	--	--	24.50	22.50
Standard		22.48	21.42	20.82	20.58	22.12	20.75	--	20.25	20.50	19.75
Cows -											
Commercial		15.10	15.65	16.05	16.62	14.62	16.35	--	--	--	--
Utility		14.88	14.89	14.80	15.55	13.68	15.25	15.25	16.50	14.25	15.25
Cutter		13.22	14.00	13.28	14.55	12.72	13.85	13.75	15.12	11.75	14.00
Canner		11.50	12.52	11.55	12.78	11.42	12.75	11.50	14.00	9.50	12.25
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		19.75	19.08	16.88	18.50	18.05	18.65	--	--	--	--
Utility		19.65	20.32	17.75	18.88	18.00	18.52	18.50	18.75	18.88	20.25
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	23.50	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	22.00	21.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Standard		--	--	19.25	19.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	--	25.00	25.50	25.00	25.50	--	--	31.50	31.00
Good		--	--	23.50	23.00	23.25	23.00	--	--	29.50	28.00
Standard		--	--	20.50	20.50	21.00	20.25	--	--	25.00	23.50
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice		--	26.30	27.92	25.50	28.75	26.25	29.00	26.50	25.75	--
Good		26.08	24.30	25.55	23.82	26.25	24.25	25.75	23.00	23.50	22.50
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	24.82	23.50	26.62	24.00	26.75	24.50	23.00	--
Good		--	--	23.50	20.62*	24.12	20.75*	23.50	20.50*	21.50	--
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice " "		--	--	30.12)	27.30	33.00)	28.00	31.75)	30.00	28.50)	25.50
Good 300-500#		--	--	27.00)		28.05)		28.00)		26.50)	
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	26.25)	24.80	29.25)	26.00	29.50)	28.50	25.50)	22.50
Good		--	--	24.00)		25.50)		26.50)		23.00)	

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		St. Joseph		Indianapolis		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Dec.	23	Dec.	23	Dec.	23	Dec.	23	Dec.	23	Dec.	23	Dec.	23
Barrows and gilts -														
U. S. No. 1 & 2														
180-200#	17.10	18.04	--	16.98	17.80	15.95	16.78	17.34	18.04	16.42	17.42	16.30	17.25	17.03
200-220	17.45	18.05	16.12	16.91	17.01	17.78	17.52	17.44	18.04	16.77	17.49	16.78	17.40	17.15
220-240	16.90	17.74	16.05	16.90	16.76	17.68	17.54	17.18	17.94	16.72	17.48	16.64	17.34	16.95
U. S. No. 2 & 3														
200-220	16.80	17.42	15.93	16.65	16.64	17.40	17.02	16.62	17.51	16.22	17.20	16.28	17.02	--
220-240	16.42	17.29	15.77	16.61	16.42	17.27	16.15	16.50	17.48	16.11	17.12	16.20	17.01	16.12
240-270	15.98	16.91	15.05	16.20	15.84	16.82	16.70	15.92	17.06	15.70	16.91	15.95	16.92	15.85
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3														
200-220	17.05	17.68	16.00	16.71	16.76	17.56	17.28	16.95	17.79	16.34	17.22	16.50	17.22	16.70
220-240	16.65	17.46	15.91	16.68	16.58	17.44	17.28	16.85	17.72	16.30	17.22	16.41	17.22	16.45
240-270	16.02	17.00	15.14	16.28	16.05	16.94	16.88	16.26	17.36	16.00	17.06	16.14	17.02	16.00
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3														
270-330	--	--	14.14	14.46	14.42	14.95	14.32	14.48	15.85	14.35	14.72	14.25	14.62	13.88
330-400	13.90	14.58	13.49	13.96	14.08	14.45	13.85	13.95	14.88	13.86	14.38	13.88	14.18	13.45
U.S.2-3	12.85	13.45	12.36	13.03	13.25	13.42	13.28	13.38	13.80	13.46	13.56	13.25	13.65	12.73
400-550														13.40
South														
St. Paul														
Sioux City														
Sioux Falls														
Cincinnati														
Fort Worth														
Thomasville														
Baltimore														
North														
Portland														
Barrows and gilts -														
U. S. No. 1 & 2														
180-200#	16.45	17.35	16.36	17.18	--	--	17.28	18.01	16.21	--	16.48	16.95	18.12	18.42
200-220	16.45	17.38	16.43	17.40	16.44	17.26	17.38	18.01	--	17.12	16.48	16.95	18.12	18.42
220-240	16.40	17.38	16.40	17.40	16.44	17.26	17.21	17.92	--	17.12	16.48	16.95	--	18.00
U. S. No. 2 & 3														
200-220	16.02	17.05	16.20	17.08	16.12	16.98	17.14	17.80	--	15.90	16.25	--	17.50	18.12
220-240	15.85	17.00	16.20	17.10	16.12	16.98	16.99	17.78	--	15.90	16.25	--	17.42	18.12
240-270	15.45	16.55	15.85	16.75	15.48	16.48	16.43	17.49	--	15.25	15.75	--	16.75	17.25
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3														
200-220	16.05	17.05	16.40	17.30	16.20	17.12	17.26	17.90	16.31	16.81	16.50	17.88	18.34	--
220-240	15.85	17.00	16.34	17.29	16.20	17.12	17.10	17.81	16.28	16.84	16.18	16.50	--	18.09
240-270	15.48	16.48	16.04	17.08	15.65	16.52	16.53	--	16.19	16.62	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3														
270-330	14.20	14.65	14.10	14.45	--	--	14.10	14.75	14.06	14.88	13.35	13.50	--	14.50
330-400	13.75	14.25	13.88	14.10	13.95	14.20	13.48	14.40	14.06	15.06	12.85	13.00	--	13.50
U.S.2-3	13.05	13.38	13.18	13.50	13.22	13.30	12.72	13.58	14.00	15.00	11.98	12.50	--	12.00
400-550														13.25

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Eight mktg. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 22, 1962	16.39	16.40	16.15	16.05	15.94	16.11	15.88	16.59	16.17
	Dec. 15, 1962	16.40	16.31	15.88	16.05	15.83	15.97	15.75	16.48	16.08
	Dec. 23, 1961	17.31	17.20	16.98	16.92	16.86	17.06	16.67	17.62	17.03
Sows	Dec. 22, 1962	13.02	13.44	13.52	13.31	13.22	13.50	13.21	13.18	13.27
	Dec. 15, 1962	13.08	13.53	13.39	13.12	12.98	13.45	13.09	13.01	13.17
	Dec. 23, 1961	13.62	13.75	13.75	13.68	13.52	13.93	13.47	13.96	13.68
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 22, 1962	234	223	233	241	240	234	230	229	233
	Dec. 15, 1962	231	225	236	240	240	233	228	230	233
	Dec. 23, 1961	231	219	228	235	237	227	230	225	229
Sows	Dec. 22, 1962	453	423	434	448	433	430	425	467	439
	Dec. 15, 1962	439	419	432	449	440	427	422	461	436
	Dec. 23, 1961	446	427	435	439	440	406	418	448	433
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 22, 1962	29853	45732	16299	47817	40080	26166	37397	26150	269494
	Dec. 15, 1962	31676	43494	16853	44973	39896	25747	37583	23642	263864
	Dec. 23, 1961	28055	42580	13941	44489	38285	20766	38983	20937	248036
Sows	Dec. 22, 1962	3819	4532	1413	6696	5183	2455	5619	3487	33204
	Dec. 15, 1962	3743	4296	1279	6408	4511	2311	5949	2764	31261
	Dec. 23, 1961	3383	4091	1375	6043	4191	2110	4231	3271	28695
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
		Dec. 22, 1962	11	9	8	12	12	9	13	12
		Dec. 15, 1962	11	9	7	12	10	8	14	10
		Dec. 23, 1961	11	9	9	12	10	9	10	10

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Dec. 22, 1962	\$18.19	\$17.05	\$1.14
Dec. 15, 1962	17.91	17.02	.89
Dec. 23, 1961	18.74	17.68	1.06

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/} Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn ^{2/} No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 22, 1962	16.39	115.1	14.2
Dec. 15, 1962	16.40	114.1	14.4
Dec. 23, 1961	17.31	109.1	15.9

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supplies of greasy domestic worsted wool in the Boston market were insignificant and prices held nominal. There were occasional sales of woolen wools and noils at strong prices.

Trading in the domestic primary markets was slow but occasional sales of fine lambs wools occurred in the Imperial Valley of California. Contracting continued in Idaho and in New Mexico. Activity in the fleece wool states was practically at a standstill.

The Australian markets were very active with India buying medium crossbred wools and prices advanced several pence while merino wool sold in the sellers' favor. Japan was also active in the Australian market. The New Zealand market was active and prices rose. India, China and Japan bought heavily. South Africa markets were stronger with Japan, United States and France active in the trade. The Montevideo market was firm and higher while good activity in Argentine carpet wools moved prices slightly higher.

The New Zealand auctions closed for the year end holidays on December 18. Australian sales were suspended on December 20 and South Africa on December 21.

Fleece Wools - Sales of fleece wools were insignificant.

Territory Wools - Fine Imperial Valley lambs wool sold at an estimated clean price of \$1.05-1.20 depending on length. Contracting in Idaho ranged from 52¢-57¢ grease prices to the growers for bulk medium grade wools. Fine lambs wool continued to be contracted in the Roswell area at \$1.05-1.20 clean basis, delivered, on a core test.

Texas Wools - Activity in Texas was practically at a standstill this week.

Mohair - Adult mohair was sold for shipment abroad on the basis of 66½¢ with kid at \$1.21½-1.26½ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - With all foreign markets firm to strong, interest in the local market was dormant. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U.S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia	New Zealand
Oil-Combed	Oil-Combed
61 - \$1.27	93 - 87¢
62 - 1.22	834 - 84¢
62A - 1.21	100 - 82¢
63 - 1.19	107 - 80¢
432 - 1.09	114 - 79¢
433 - 1.00	128 - 78¢
434 - .97	
435 - .91	

South Africa	
Oil-Combed	
7 - \$1.24	48 - \$1.18
8 - 1.19	52 - 1.17
12 - 1.19	53 - 1.15
47 - 1.22	17 - 1.16

South Africa	
Scoured Yields	
22 - \$1.09	32 - \$.99
23 - 1.06	33 - .98
27 - 1.04	37 - .93
28 - 1.01	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools -

60/64s \$1.06-1.08, 60s \$1.01-1.03, 60/58s 99¢-1.00, 58/56s 97¢-98¢, 56/50s 95¢-96¢.

Carpet Wools - Spot trade in carpet wools was dull with most mill buyers out of the market. Greasy Buenos Aires November Second clip wools were priced from 69¢-72¢, fleeces around 70¢ and 36/40s lambs wool about 64¢. A spot November wool was offered at 69¢. Greasy New Zealand type 128 carpet fleece wool was priced at 80¢, regular carpet fleeces at 79¢ and best early shorn wool at 77¢-78¢, a scoured Pyrenean wool at 77¢, a washed pulled Aleppo carpet wool was offered at 46¢ grease basis. All above clean wool fibers present.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic	Scoured Pulled Foreign
60/58s ave. 1½" wh. \$1.10	Aust. 58/60s 1½-2" wh. \$1.02
Greasy Pulled Domestic	Scoured Shorn Foreign
(Clean Basis)	Aust. 64s 1½-2" wh. \$1.17
60/58s ave. 1½" choice	Aust. 60/64s wh. carding
\$1.04/\$1.05	fleece \$1.25
Noils	Aust. 64/60s locks ave.
Super	clear 70s Aust
clear 70s Aust	nobles 89¢
nobles 89¢	86¢
Clear	70s Aust. nobles
58s Aust. nobles	80¢
80¢	Clear 70s Cape Schlums 67¢
Clear 70s Cape Schlums 67¢	Clear 64s Aust. Schlums 60¢

Wool Tops - Trading of wool tops was very slow with a little fill-in business on blended 54s dry-combed tops. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s - \$2.01	\$1.99 N
64s - 1.87	1.85 N
62s - 1.79	1.79 N
60s - 1.72	1.69 N
58/60s - 1.64	1.64 N

Oil-Combed	Territory	Fleece
58/60s - \$1.62	\$1.62 N	--
56s - --	1.58 N	\$1.55 N
50/56s - 1.52 N	1.55 N	1.52 N

(N - Nominal)

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - December 20, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

March Wool Tops	-	\$1.698B
May Wool Tops	-	1.688B
64s grade	-	2.55" minimum length
March Wool	-	\$1.302T
May Wool	-	1.294T
64s grade	-	2½" ave. stretched length

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef prices along the Eastern Seaboard were unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower. Cow beef was generally steady to 50¢ lower but at Philadelphia prices were 50¢-\$1.00 higher. Most veal was steady to \$2.00 higher and a limited volume of Choice sold as much as \$4.00-5.00 higher. Calf at New York was fully \$1.00 higher. Lamb sold steady to \$2.00 lower. Pork loins were steady to \$3.50 higher. Other listed pork cuts steady to \$3.00 higher with advances mainly on Boston butts and fresh skinned hams.

Supplies generally below normal for all classes. However, lamb receipts fully normal at New York. Clearance slow on daily sessions of pre-holiday week and there was carryover of beef and lamb at New York. Carcass beef outlet generally poor, but demand fair for hind-quarters as loins and ribs moved readily. Arm chucks found narrow outlet and closed around \$3.00 lower. Veal and calf at all markets sold in an active trade with demand good. Supplies of Prime were very limited. Demand for lamb was poor on the Eastern Seaboard and purchases were confined to minimum requirements, closing very slow at New York. Pork met good demand in all areas with clearance mostly complete.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower, veal mostly \$1.00 higher, lamb steady to \$1.00 lower, pork loins 8-16# \$4.50-6.00 higher, Boston butts 4-8# \$2.50-3.00 higher, spareribs 3# down steady.

Veal supply was small but other fresh meat offerings were normal. Beef and lamb supplies in the main graded Good and Choice with all weight ranges well represented.

Carcass beef trade was slow during the pre-holiday week. Arm and squarecut chucks and loins were slow but steady prices were maintained on loins. However, chucks sold substantially lower and contributed to the weaker carcass trade. Rounds and particularly ribs were in good demand. Small supply of veal was instrumental in moving prices to higher levels for the second consecutive week. Carcass lamb was in moderate demand. Primal lamb cuts generally cleared in a moderately active trade with hindsaddles most wanted at the close. A moderately active fresh pork trade slowed somewhat late.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer beef prices followed an uneven price pattern. Choice steer beef under 700# in California ranged from steady to 50¢ higher, over 700# steady to 50¢ lower with all the change in San Francisco. Heifer beef was mostly steady except in the Pacific Northwest where Good and Choice heifer and steer beef was steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef sold steady to \$1.00 higher, upturns in Southern California and the Northwest. Calf and veal held steady but lamb sold weak to \$1.00 lower in California and steady to \$1.00 higher in Portland and Seattle. Pork sold steady to \$2.00 higher with most the upturn on loins. Seasonal demand for items such as poultry and ham had an adverse effect on movement of fresh "red" meats but beef ribs and loins experienced the usual brisk holiday period demand.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Demand was narrow the fore part of the week and improved only slightly on late rounds for the normal supply of steer and heifer beef. Trading generally slow throughout the week. Canner and Cutter cow beef found fair action, but Utility and Commercial grades were rather slow. Steer beef prices closed 50¢-\$1.50 lower, mostly \$1.00-1.50 lower. Heifer beef was mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower. Canner and Cutter cow beef was mostly steady. Utility and Commercial cow beef was mostly 25-50¢ lower. Clearance was incomplete on beef classes.

Carcass lamb trading was slow early with demand poor, but action improved late in the week on weights under 50#. Carcasses averaging 35-45# were mostly steady to 50¢ higher for the week. Weights 45-65# were mainly 50¢-\$1.00 lower with declines of \$1.00-2.00 on 55-65# averages at Philadelphia and New York.

Trading was generally active under a good demand on the fully normal supply of pork products. Pork loins were \$3.50-5.00 higher for the week. Butts were \$1.00-5.00 higher. Fresh hams sold \$1.00-2.00 higher at Omaha, but were steady to \$1.50 lower at Chicago and 12-14# averages at Philadelphia were 50¢ lower. Pork carcasses sold steady to 50¢ lower. Clearance was near complete on pork products.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
		1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	51.60	44.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	48.85	44.20	47.12	43.06	45.62	41.88	44.75	41.38
	700-800	49.35	43.55	46.88	42.62	44.88	41.00	43.41	40.25
Good	500-600	46.60	42.60	45.50	41.75	43.88	40.62	43.00	40.81
	600-700	46.85	43.10	45.50	41.75	43.62	39.88	42.50	39.75
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	46.38	41.88	43.75	40.50	43.50	41.31
	600-700	--	--	46.38	41.88	43.00	40.00	43.12	40.12
Good	500-600	--	--	44.62	40.38	41.88	38.50	--	--
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	--	62.50	58.62	55.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	54.50	56.00	55.12	52.25	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	50.00	50.00	50.75	47.75	56.00	52.50	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	42.00	39.45	40.50	37.00	42.50	37.50	41.88	39.00
Choice	45-55	42.00	39.35	40.50	37.00	42.50	37.50	41.88	39.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	45.15	45.70	42.81	42.95	47.25	48.38	43.25	45.50
Butts	4-8	37.60	41.40	34.56	37.10	41.25	41.75	37.62	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	38.50	39.00	36.75	34.38	42.50	41.00	38.75	37.00
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	48.00	50.00	--	--	54.00	52.25	51.00	51.00
Fully cooked	10-14#	50.50	52.50	57.25	57.00	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced -									
1# package (box lots)		47.50	51.00	47.50	49.25	50.50	51.50	45.50	49.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)									
4-8#		33.50	32.00	35.50	34.00	34.75	33.75	33.75	34.50
Lard, 1# carton									
		14.00	15.00	14.75	13.75	17.50	17.50	16.25	16.50

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 21, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	44.50-45.00	1/	44.00-44.50	46.25-47.00	1/
	700-800	44.50-45.00		44.00-44.50	46.00-47.00	
	800-900	44.50-45.00		44.00-44.50	46.00-47.00	
Good	500-600	42.00-43.00		--	43.00-45.50	
	600-700	42.00-43.00		42.00-43.00	43.00-45.50	
	700-800	42.00-43.00		42.00-43.00	43.00-45.50	
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	44.00-44.50		43.25-43.75	--	
	600-700	44.00-44.50		43.25-43.75	--	
Good	500-600	41.50-42.00		41.00-41.75	--	
	600-700	41.50-42.00		41.00-41.75	--	
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		26.50-27.00		25.50-26.00	--	
Canner and Cutter		27.00-27.25		26.00-26.50	--	
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	39.00		--	39.00-40.00	
	45-55	36.50-38.00		--	38.00-39.00	
	55-65	35.00-35.50		--	36.00-37.00	
Choice	35-45	39.00		37.50-38.00	39.00-40.00	
	45-55	36.50-38.00		36.00-38.00	38.00-39.00	
	55-65	35.00-35.50		35.00-35.50	36.00-37.00	
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.50-42.00		41.00-41.25	--	

1/ Report not received in time for publication.

FIG CROP REPORT - DECEMBER 1962

The 1962 pig crop totaled 94,244,000 head, an increase of 1 percent from last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The December 1961-May 1962 pig crop of 49.7 million head was 1 percent less than the 1961 crop of 50.4 million head. The June-November 1962 pig crop of 44.5 million head was 5 percent more than the 1961 crop of 42.6 million head. The decline in the number of December-May pigs resulted largely from a lower average size of litters than in 1961. The increased number of June-November pigs resulted from 4 percent more sows and 1 percent larger litters. The average of 7.23 pigs per litter is the highest of record.

For the December 1962-May 1963 period, reports based on farmers' intentions indicate 7.2 mil. sows to farrow, or 3 percent more than the 7.0 million sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. If these intentions materialize, and the number of pigs per litter equals the average plus an allowance for trend, the December 1962-May 1963 pig crop would be 51.5 million head, 4 percent more than the 1962 crop.

This report is based on a survey of 177,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely through the assistance of the Post Office Department and rural mail carriers.

JUNE-NOVEMBER 1962 FIG CROP UP 5 PERCENT: The number of pigs saved during the June-November period of 1962 is estimated at 44,543,000 head. This is nearly 5 percent more than the 1961 crop and 19 percent above the 1951-60 average for these months. All regions showed increases from last year with the North Central States showing the greatest gain. East North Central States and West North Central States were up 5 and 6 percent, respectively. Increases in other regions were: North Atlantic States and South Atlantic States, each 3 percent; South Central States, 1 percent; Western States, less than 1 percent.

Sows farrowing during June-November 1962 totaled 6,165,000 head, 4 percent more than farrowed a year earlier and 14 percent above average. June-November farrowings were 2 percentage points more than indicated by farmers' intentions reported last June. June-November farrowings in 1962 as a percent of 1961 and intentions reported last June by regions, are as follows: North Atlantic, 101 and 98 percent; East North Central, 104 and 103; West North Central 105 and 103; South Atlantic, 102 and 99; South Central, 99 and 97; Western 99 and 100.

Pigs saved per litter averaged 7.23 in the June-November period of 1962, which was a record high and compared with 7.16 in 1961 and 7.17 the previous record for these months in 1958. Litter size showed an increase over the previous June-November period in all regions.

Compared with a year earlier, farrowings during July, August, September, October, and November increased slightly, with June showing a small decrease. Percentages of sows farrowing by months during the June-November period of 1962 compared with 1961 are as follows: June, 15.2 and 15.9; July, 14.7 and 15.1; August, 21.6 and 21.1; September, 25.6 and 24.9; October 15.0 and 15.2; November, 7.9 and 7.8.

DECEMBER 1961-MAY 1962 FIG CROP--DOWN 1 PERCENT: The December 1961-May 1962 pig crop is estimated at 49,701,000 pigs, 1 percent less than a year earlier. A total of 7,020,000 sows farrowed during this period, practically unchanged from the 7,029,000 farrowed during the same period a year earlier; but 10 percent less than the 1951-60 average. Pigs saved per litter averaged 7.08, compared with 7.18 in the 1961 period and the 10-year average of 6.88.

ANNUAL FIG CROP UP 1 PERCENT: The combined pig crops for the period of December 1961-November 1962 totaled 94,244,000 head, 1 percent more than the 93,035,000 in 1961 and 4 percent more than the 1951-60 average of 90,799,000 head.

DECEMBER 1962-MAY 1963 INTENTIONS UP 3 PERCENT: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions for the December 1962-May 1963 period indicate 7,225,000 sows to farrow -- 3 percent more than a year earlier. The 1951-60 average was 7,777,000 sows. The North Central and South Atlantic States indicate increases, while the North Atlantic, South Central, and Western States plan decreases. By regions, increases from 1962 are indicated as follows: South Atlantic and East North Central each up 4 percent, and the West North Central up 3 percent. Decreases are North Atlantic and South Central each down 1 percent, and the Western States down 6 percent.

If intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average with an allowance for trend, the 1963 spring pig crop would be 4 percent larger than a year earlier.

JUNE-NOVEMBER FARROWINGS INCREASED IN TEN SELECTED CORN BELT STATES; DECEMBER - MAY INTENTIONS ALSO UP: For 10 selected Corn Belt States, June-November litters in 1962 and expected farrowings December 1962-May 1963 both show 4 percent gains from a year earlier. In these States-- Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas -- the number of sows that farrowed during the June-November 1962 period totaled 4,661,000 an increase of 200,000 sows or 4 percent over 1961. Farmers' report intentions to farrow 5,630,000 litters during the six month period December 1962-May 1963. This is a gain of 199,000 litters or 4 percent over the same period a year earlier. All of the ten States show increases in both the June-November farrowings and the expected December-May farrowings.

Farrowings by quarters for these 10 Corn Belt States show that the 2,376,000 litters for the June-August period were up 3 percent while the September-November farrowings at 2,285,000 were 6 percent above a year earlier. Expected farrowings of 1,877,000 for December 1962-February 1963 are 2 percent above a year earlier and the March-May total of 3,753,000 is up 4 percent.

HOGS ON FARMS IN 10 STATES UP 3 PERCENT: The number of all hogs and pigs on farms in the 10 Selected Corn Belt States on December 1, 1962 totaled 48,849,000 head, up 3 percent from a year earlier. For individual States, percentage increases from a year earlier ranged from 2 percent in Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin to 6 percent in Missouri and Kansas.

Age classification of hogs and pigs on hand shows 16,513,000 under 3 months; 16,124,000 head 3 to 6 months of age; and 16,257,000 hogs over 6 months of age. As a percent of the total hogs and pigs, 33.8 percent were under 3 months old; 33.0 percent were in the 3 to 6 month age group; and 33.2 percent were over 6 months old. Compared with a year earlier, the under 3 months group was up 7 percent; the 3-6 months group was up 5 percent; while the number in the over 6 months age group was down 2 percent.

Sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved, 1958-63

Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs saved		
	Dec.-May	June-Nov.	Dec.-May	June-Nov.	Dec.-May	June-Nov.	Year
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head	Dec.-Nov. head
UNITED STATES							
1958	7,281	5,887	7.05	7.17	51,354	42,179	93,533
1959	7,996	6,128	7.08	6.98	56,620	42,775	99,395
1960	6,790	5,855	6.96	7.02	47,282	41,105	88,387
1961	7,029	5,953	7.18	7.16	50,441	42,594	93,035
1962	7,020	6,165	7.08	7.23	49,701	44,543	94,244
1963.....	1/7,225		2/ 7.15		2/ 51,500		
CORN BELT							
(North Central)							
1958	5,717	4,450	7.14	7.23	40,807	32,177	72,984
1959	6,216	4,581	7.14	7.02	44,352	32,151	76,503
1960	5,269	4,444	7.03	7.05	37,041	31,336	68,377
1961	5,573	4,581	7.24	7.19	40,327	32,952	73,279
1962	5,569	4,786	7.09	7.26	39,504	34,739	74,243
1963	1/ 5,774		2/ 7.20		2/ 41,500		

1/ December-May farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports.

2/ Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated pig crop. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

Percentage distribution of fall farrowings, by months, United States

	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1951-60 av.....	14.4	14.1	23.6	27.0	14.3	6.6	100.0
1960	15.0	14.9	22.0	25.7	14.8	7.6	100.0
1961	15.9	15.1	21.1	24.9	15.2	7.8	100.0
1962	15.2	14.7	21.6	25.6	15.0	7.9	100.0

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Pigs saved

State and division	December-May				June-November				Year (December-November)			
	Average	1961	1962	1962	Average	1961	1962	1962	Average	1961	1962	1962
	1951-60			as % of	1951-60			as % of	1951-60			as % of
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1961	1,000	1,000	1,000	1961	1,000	1,000	1,000	1961
	head	head	head	Per cent	head	head	head	Per cent	head	head	head	Per cent
Maine	21	17	15	88	17	14	14	100	38	31	29	94
N.H.	10	9	9	100	9	8	9	112	18	17	18	106
Vt.	11	9	8	89	9	7	8	114	20	16	16	100
Mass.	79	66	68	103	71	62	61	98	150	128	129	101
R.I.	6	6	5	83	6	6	6	100	11	12	11	92
Conn.	16	11	11	100	16	11	10	91	31	22	21	95
N.Y.	144	96	82	85	112	76	77	101	256	172	159	92
N.J.	102	66	62	94	79	67	59	88	181	133	121	91
Pa.	498	418	423	101	428	355	382	108	926	773	805	104
N.Atl.	886	698	683	98	746	606	626	103	1,632	1,304	1,309	100
Ohio	2,507	2,240	2,184	98	2,252	2,226	2,351	106	4,759	4,466	4,535	102
Ind.	4,017	3,918	3,924	100	3,680	3,946	4,117	104	7,697	7,864	8,041	102
Ill.	6,306	6,608	6,522	99	4,681	5,904	6,216	105	10,987	12,512	12,738	102
Mich.	719	609	584	96	625	670	739	110	1,344	1,279	1,323	103
Wis.	2,217	2,076	1,956	94	1,420	1,696	1,746	103	3,637	3,772	3,702	98
E.N.Cent.	15,766	15,451	15,170	98	12,657	14,442	15,169	105	28,424	29,893	30,339	101
Minn.	4,133	3,744	3,620	97	2,231	2,724	2,898	106	6,364	6,468	6,518	101
Iowa	12,625	11,623	11,143	96	7,155	8,582	8,950	104	19,780	20,205	20,093	99
Mo.	3,363	3,367	3,363	100	2,908	3,278	3,592	110	6,272	6,645	6,955	105
N.Dak.	576	460	411	89	128	207	188	91	704	667	599	90
S.Dak.	2,016	1,909	1,943	102	570	874	957	109	2,586	2,783	2,900	104
Nebr.	2,782	2,632	2,624	100	1,311	1,883	1,957	104	4,093	4,515	4,581	101
Kans.	954	1,141	1,230	108	700	962	1,028	107	1,654	2,103	2,258	107
W.N.Cent.	28,449	24,876	24,324	98	15,004	18,510	19,570	106	41,454	43,386	43,904	101
N.Cent.	42,216	40,327	39,504	98	27,662	32,952	34,739	105	69,877	73,279	74,243	101
Del.	30	28	31	111	27	30	31	103	57	58	62	107
Md.	182	109	133	122	157	142	153	108	338	251	286	114
Va.	544	483	540	112	491	483	525	109	1,034	966	1,065	110
W.Va.	106	67	68	101	96	64	67	105	202	131	135	103
N.C.	1,100	1,094	1,110	101	844	922	978	106	1,944	2,016	2,088	104
S.C.	414	363	332	91	377	290	295	102	791	653	627	96
Ga.	1,337	1,197	1,162	97	1,110	1,064	1,099	103	2,446	2,261	2,261	100
Fla.	375	235	252	107	284	280	234	84	659	515	486	94
S.Atl.	4,087	3,576	3,628	101	3,385	3,275	3,382	103	7,472	6,851	7,010	102
Ky.	1,005	1,164	1,195	103	912	1,159	1,154	100	1,917	2,323	2,349	101
Tenn.	977	1,014	1,022	101	868	1,044	1,087	104	1,844	2,058	2,109	102
Ala.	814	794	774	97	747	689	689	100	1,561	1,483	1,463	99
Miss.	428	352	377	107	412	358	375	105	840	710	752	106
Ark.	373	301	252	84	330	308	280	91	703	609	532	87
La.	299	147	128	87	244	140	128	91	544	287	256	89
Okla.	428	343	341	99	365	350	362	103	793	693	703	101
Texas	824	714	718	101	767	770	777	101	1,592	1,484	1,495	101
S.Cent.	5,148	4,829	4,807	100	4,645	4,818	4,852	101	9,793	9,647	9,659	100
Mont.	136	144	135	94	93	115	128	111	229	259	263	102
Idaho	116	106	102	96	94	99	91	92	210	205	193	94
Wyo.	35	22	22	100	27	23	19	83	62	45	41	91
Colo.	160	135	161	119	131	151	163	108	291	286	324	113
N.Mex.	40	34	35	103	34	39	37	95	75	73	72	99
Ariz.	17	19	18	95	16	17	17	100	33	36	35	97
Utah	51	44	47	107	44	48	48	100	95	92	95	103
Nev.	12	10	10	100	9	7	7	100	20	17	17	100
Wash.	105	100	100	100	102	112	119	106	207	212	219	103
Oreg.	129	131	134	102	118	140	133	95	247	271	267	99
Calif.	310	266	315	118	246	192	182	95	555	458	497	109
West	1,110	1,011	1,079	107	914	943	944	100	2,024	1,954	2,023	104
U.S.	53,448	50,441	49,701	99	37,351	42,594	44,543	105	90,799	93,035	94,244	101

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MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -			
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Dec.
	10	17	24	1
	1962	1962	1962	1962
	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -				
Beef <u>1</u> / ₂	3,755	3,157	2,903	3,162
Pork <u>1</u> / ₂	71,912	62,265	61,651	76,526
Other <u>1</u> / ₂	15	75	17	22
Smoked and / or dried -				
Beef <u>1</u> / ₂	1,133	1,110	907	899
Pork <u>1</u> / ₂	51,166	45,200	42,605	51,346
Cooked meat -				
Beef	949	772	787	820
Pork	5,672	4,899	4,350	5,847
Other	252	163	116	87
Sausage -				
Fresh finished	6,270	6,530	5,660	6,118
To be dried or semi-dried	2,877	2,420	2,478	2,687
Franks, wieners	13,086	11,419	10,460	12,442
Other, smoked or cooked .	13,759	12,728	11,502	13,320
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products	4,386	4,015	3,551	4,021
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	14,035	11,532	12,639	14,725
Meat extract	105	23	46	192
Sliced bacon <u>1</u> / ₂	21,180	20,146	18,551	21,226
Sliced, other <u>1</u> / ₂ <u>2</u> / ₂	6,801	6,689	5,876	7,042
Hamburger	6,965	5,450	5,163	5,995
Miscellaneous meat product.	6,136	6,763	6,224	7,266
Lard, rendered	43,758	40,053	41,237	48,585
Lard, refined	24,487	24,122	21,497	28,185
Oleo stock	1,247	1,195	925	1,224
Edible tallow	8,156	7,337	6,606	8,328
Rendered pork fat -				
Rendered	1,874	1,818	1,823	1,968
Refined	709	850	937	954
Compound containing animal fat	18,850	16,097	18,802	18,288
Oleomargarine " " "	2,995	2,479	2,430	3,523
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	60,215	56,118	48,322	65,571
Total <u>1</u> / ₂	392,745	355,425	338,063	410,369

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Div., Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Nov. 10		Nov. 17		Nov. 24		Dec. 1	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	3,042	3,256	2,541	3,265	2,841	3,853	3,520	4,180
Canned hams	7,408	163	6,826	141	6,904	191	8,034	182
Corned beef hash	72	1,251	139	1,686	133	1,445	107	2,046
Chili con carne	357	4,142	284	3,494	383	2,339	218	3,230
Viennas	64	1,247	69	957	72	1,000	84	1,260
Franks, wieners in brine . .	7	26	--	42	4	52	5	127
Deviled ham.	--	202	--	162	--	156	--	215
Other potted or deviled meat food products.	--	758	--	733	2	628	--	704
Tamales	138	694	17	942	235	370	25	1,111
Sliced dried beef	7	55	4	49	2	37	5	55
Chopped beef	--	223	10	113	--	217	--	197
Meat stew (all products) . .	26	3,749	75	3,175	67	3,152	70	3,035
Spaghetti meat products . .	69	2,335	90	2,122	68	1,777	65	3,124
Tongue (other than pickled) .	11	27	11	17	8	23	18	15
Vinegar pickled products . .	211	279	188	262	202	254	251	332
Bulk sausage	2	103	--	122	--	109	--	151
Hamburger, rstdd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	232	3,440	204	2,871	241	2,845	183	3,586
Soups	420	14,663	584	15,141	493	10,226	521	15,858
Sausage in oil	54	103	76	83	78	52	135	55
Tripe	--	71	--	53	--	75	--	126
Brains	--	80	--	39	--	33	--	82
Canned loins and picnics . .	554	32	517	36	666	31	787	13
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -								
20% or more	284	2,611	177	2,339	333	1,725	298	2,452
Less than 20%	222	5,495	254	4,242	237	3,099	271	6,476
Total	13,181	45,005	12,067	42,086	12,968	33,689	14,596	48,611

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 989.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Oct. 1962	Oct. 1961
	Pounds	Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic) -		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	799,562	714,221
Pickled or cured (except canned)	981,936	1,571,649
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	2,525,160	2,681,753
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	592,925	634,627
Bacon	459,774	588,672
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured	1,381,318	1,508,501
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. (exc. canned)	124,797	75,613
Other meat and meat products (except canned)	38,776	22,360
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	5,727,781	5,679,599
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	3,545,451	2,933,660
Other variety meats, (edible offal) ex. cnd.	4,843,167	3,968,146
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	373,219	372,376
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	225,524	158,698
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc.	71,536	78,871
Hams and shoulders	41,308	24,058
Other pork canned	75,030	128,116
Other meat and meat products	110,781	91,491
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	94,710	86,845
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	20,894,217	34,399,861
Shortenings, chief wt. animal fat (excl. lard)	143,569	321,120
Tallow, edible	444,320	377,219
Tallow, inedible	99,492,567	122,393,899
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	1,076,705	832,582
Inedible animal greases and fats, n. e. c.	8,417,336	10,879,445

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	Oct. 1962	Oct. 1961
	Number	Number
Cattle (for breeding) -		
Dairy	920	429
Ex. dairy	645	512
Other (ex. for breeding)	125	107
Hogs	148	165
Sheep	71	1,522

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for Entry into the United States
Oct. 1962 with comparisons

USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Division

Month and period	Canada 1962	Canada 1961	Mexico 1962	Mexico 1961
	Head	Head	Head	Head
Oct.	101,066	122,866	71,273	43,396
Jan.-Oct.	305,464	368,622	512,121	357,177

Note: During Jan.-Oct. this year 18,883 sheep and 2,707 hogs were received from Canada compared with 1,408 sheep and 14,992 hogs a year ago.



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) 80-110#								
Prime	Dec. 22, 1962	19.98	--	19.62	--	--	19.75	19.38
	Dec. 23, 1961	17.20	16.35	16.68	--	17.15	16.75	15.62
Choice	Dec. 22, 1962	18.72	18.88	18.87	17.60	19.59	19.62	19.00
	Dec. 23, 1961	16.45	15.85	16.08	15.75	16.41	16.12	15.50
Good	Dec. 22, 1962	16.75	17.88	17.75	16.50	18.25	19.42	--
	Dec. 23, 1961	15.00	14.72	15.18	14.75	15.40	15.12	14.50
EWES: (Wooled) 90-150#								
Good	Dec. 22, 1962	6.00	5.50	5.75	8.50	7.62*	6.57	5.50
	Dec. 23, 1961	5.25	5.20	4.42	7.10	6.42*	5.75	4.50
Utility	Dec. 22, 1962	6.25	6.25	6.50	7.50	7.12*	6.38	5.50
	Dec. 23, 1961	5.00	5.45	4.12	5.50*	5.00*	4.75	4.00
Cull		Dec. 22, 1962	6.00	4.50	5.50	--	6.00*	4.75
FEEDER LAMBS: (Wooled) 60-80#								
Fancy	Dec. 22, 1962	--	--	--	--	19.75	19.00	17.50
	Dec. 22, 1962	--	--	--	14.75	18.75	18.80	16.25
Good & Ch.	Dec. 23, 1961	--	13.60	--	11.88	15.62	13.75	13.50
	Dec. 22, 1962	--	--	--	12.25	16.50	17.78	--

*Shorn basis.